

# **City of Gahanna**

*200 South Hamilton Road  
Gahanna, Ohio 43230*



## **Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, April 12, 2010**

**7:00 PM**

**Council Committee Rooms**

## **Public Service & Safety**

*John McAlister, Chair  
Shane Ewald  
Brian Larick*

**Members Present:** John McAlister, Brian Larick and Shane W. Ewald

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### **ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:**

Isobel Sherwood, Gen. Jim Williams, Terry Emery, Mayor Stinchcomb, Lt. Jeff Spence, Chief Dennis Murphy, Grant Reveal, Angel Mumma, Karl Wetherholt, Mike Andrako, Dottie Franey, Bryan Rhoads, Tom Kneeland; Press.

### **PENDING LEGISLATION:**

#### **ORD-0074-2010**

TO AMEND CHAPTER 721, CANVASSING AND SOLICITATION, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA, OHIO.

Sherwood said this had first reading and was not supposed to come back to committee, but the City Attorney wanted to make a change; we are slowly changing the code not to have minor misdemeanors which are basically non enforceable; make it a 4th degree misdemeanor which requires a court appearance; 721.99 Penalty, (a) crossed out minor misdemeanor, and (b) crossed out first part leaving misdemeanor of the fourth degree; also cross out (c) and change code section to 721.05(a). McAlister said this is a recommendation from the City Attorney, and Sherwood said yes.

**Recommended for Substitution and Adoption**

### **ISSUES - From Director of Public Service:**

#### **Award Bid - Fire Hydrant Materials**

Emery said this is our annual program; did bid project and would like to award contract to HD Supply Waterworks at a cost of \$1,556 per hydrant; this has been a very successful program and is done in house; Bryan Rhoads, Utilities Foreman coordinates this.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, Consent; no need to come back; 2nd Reading, Consent.

#### **Suburban Steel Dust Control**

Emery said we had the public hearing for this at the last Council meeting; in an effort to control dust from their gravel driveway they want to apply a brine solution as they have done in the past; there was no opposition at the public hearing; have done this for the last several years. Kneeland said we have to follow EPA rules for this.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, Consent; no need to come back; 2nd Reading, Consent.

#### **Senior Center Restroom Modifications - ADA Compliance**

Emery said that the restroom stalls at the Senior Center are not ADA compliant; were not laid out right; and we have been having complaints from wheel chair bound seniors; we have a price to perform this work from OTT, Inc. for \$2,645; would like to move funds from one account to another to cover the cost to make them ADA compliant.

Ewald asked about possible grants. Emery said this is one of those things that we would just like to complete; if there is something down the road that would be great.

Recommendation: Motion Resolution, Consent.

**West Gahanna Water Improvements - ST-938**

Emery said we did bid this project; is for waterline improvement for Debra Lane, Sandra Court and Shara Park Place off Johnstown Road; this area is not supplied by city water; have wells; also not on city sewer at this time; will be bringing the sewer project to Council in fall; like to award to the lowest bidder, Conie Construction at \$107,765 with a 10% contingency; sufficient funds were appropriated.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, Consent; no need to come back; 2nd Reading, Consent.

**ISSUES - From Chief of Police:****Police Vehicle Up-Fitting**

Lt. Spence said this is for the upfitting of the Chevy Tahoe recently purchased and for one Dodge Charger replacement vehicle; have worked with B & C Communications with excellent results; they are familiar with technology in our vehicles and our platform; funding is already encumbered; asking for waiver of the bidding process, and waiver of second reading and emergency; like to get this done prior to our busy season.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, waiver of 2nd Reading, Consent.

**ISSUES - From Mayor:****Tornado Siren Replacement**

Gen. Williams said we are requesting a supplemental of \$20,000 to replace an old siren; the only Thunderbolt siren left in Franklin County at the Mifflin Cemetery; they do not make replacement parts for it anymore and if it becomes inoperable we would have to purchase a new one and that would take approximately 3 months; have been working with Mifflin Township; will require moving the location of the pole 75 to 100 ft. east; it has to go on a higher pole; Township is okay with everything we have proposed; will provide greater coverage for Creekside, Olde Gahanna, Jefferson Elementary and the U.S. 62 to the airport area; if this one goes out it is our responsibility to replace it; Franklin County EMA will dispose of the current one.

Recommendation: 1st Reading Consent; no need to come back; 2nd Reading, Consent.

**ISSUES - From City Engineer:****Hamilton Granville Intersection - Imp. #883**

Andrako said this is for design modifications for the intersection; met with schools and discussed potential options to make the pedestrian movement safer; in order to include these enhancements in the project, additional design work is required; items to be incorporated into the intersection improvement are pedestrian refuge islands, additional lighting and wider crosswalks; have to get revised plans to ODOT by May 7th; our consultant needs 2 weeks to prepare so we are asking for a waiver of second reading, and emergency to meet the deadline; project is scheduled to be done next summer while school is out, so it is very time sensitive; funding is available.

Recommendation: 1st Reading, waiver of 2nd Reading, Consent.

**Updates:**

Ewald asked about the Jefferson Elementary intersection changes. Andrako said he did get input from the schools; met with Dan Rotella; discussed counter measures to make the intersection safer; they liked our ideas; plan to incorporate work into another small paving project to be done after Creekside Festival and before school starts.

Andrako updated Council on the US 62 Beecher to YMCA project which was delayed last fall by the need to move utility poles and unsuitable subgrade; project should be completed in the next 2 months; will need a supplemental in the future.

**Donna L. Jernigan, MMC, Sr. Deputy Clerk of Council**